



Wallace L. Rigotti

January 23, 1925 - February 24, 2013

WALLACE RIGOTTI NORWAY- Wallace “Pepper” Rigotti age 88 of Norway, died Sunday, February 24, 2013 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI. He was born in Norway on January 23, 1925 the son of the late Louis and Mayme (Ropelle) Rigotti. Pepper graduated from Norway High School in 1943 and served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1946 as a radioman, second class. He graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1951 with a Bachelor Degree in Industrial Arts and later received his Masters Degree in Education. Pepper married Janet DeBakker in 1951; she preceded him in death on January 11, 1956. He was a school teacher for over 35 years, teaching in Pontiac from 1951-1956, Alpha from 1956-1965 and finally in Norway High School from 1965-1985 where he taught Industrial Arts classes. Pepper married Marion Tavernini on June 22, 1968 at St. Barbara’s Church in Vulcan; she preceded him in death on April 24, 1996. He was a member of St. Mary’s Church in Norway, Oak Crest Golf Course for over 50 years, and the Loyal Order of Moose, #1474. Pepper was an avid hunter, enjoying going to his “Camp 94”. He enjoyed bowling on the Monday Night Men’s League at the Rialto for many years and golfing at Oak Crest. He was a strong supporter of Norway Vikings and Knights athletics. Pepper is survived by his son Steve (Betsy) Rigotti of Clayton, CA; grandchildren Emily and Jonathan Rigotti of the San Francisco Bay Area; sister-in-law Maggie Tavernini of Marquette; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters Lorna Bernhardt and Marge Widmer. The

family will greet friends on Wednesday, February 27 from 10-11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis officiating. Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery in the summer.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Lost another good friend !*

Roger Hallgren - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *May words of comfort rest gently upon your heart, and in time may they become words of healing. With deepest sympathy, George Alexa -formerly of Alpha, Michigan. He was a great teacher*

George Alexa - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *Steve, I wish to send my condolences to you and your family. You Dad was my teacher in Alpha a "few" years ago. He was a nice person and I enjoyed his class.
Deepest sympathy*

Barbara Karle - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *It is with great sadness that I heard of the passing of Mr. Rigtotti. He was one of the teachers that I had in high school that had a profound impact on my life and helped to shape my career. God speed and rest to you.*

Steve Grenier - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM